

Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

12 Days/10 Nights

ROME


SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

& MEDJUGORJE

2016 Departures

March & Late October at \$TBA*

**April, Early May, September &
Early October** at \$TBA*



**Rates are for payment by credit card.
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are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE
\$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharge (subject
to change).*

OUR ROME, SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO & MEDJUGORJE ITINERARY:

DAY 1- BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~ROME: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Rome (*via possible intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, while in flight.

DAY 2- ROME: Upon arrival, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer. We start with a tour of this amazing city, which has the unique combination of being the spiritual capital for all Catholics and the center of Western Civilization. Visit the vast collections in the Vatican Museums, including a visit to the Sistine Chapel where you will see Michelangelo's famous ceiling and "Last Judgment." This afternoon, during our Christian Rome tour, we will visit St. John in Lateran, The Cathedral of Rome. We will also see the Holy Steps climbed by Christ in Jerusalem, and the Basilica of the Holy Cross, where some of Christianity's most important relics, including a piece of the True Cross, Thorn, and nails are housed. Of all the churches in Rome dedicated to the Madonna, visit the largest, Santa Maria Maggiore that was built in 440, where we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight at *Grand Hotel Palazzo Carpegna* (or similar) in Rome. (D) Hotel website - <http://palazzocarpegna.hotelinroma.com/>

DAY 3 - ROME: After breakfast, we will attend the weekly Papal Audience. After lunch (*on our own*), our day in Rome offers some free time this afternoon for shopping or sightseeing before gathering at St. Peter's. Overnight (B, D)

DAY 4 - ROME: After breakfast, we will explore Ancient Rome with a tour that includes the Coliseum, Capital Hill, The Vittorio Emanuele Monument, The Roman Forum, Circus Maximus, and Michelangelo's statue of Moses at St. Peter in Chains church. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 5 - ROME-MONTECASSINO-POMPEII~SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we depart for San Giovanni Rotondo. Our tour takes us to Montecassino, 600 meters above sea level, to visit the Monastery founded by St. Benedict about 529 AD on the site of a Roman fortification and a Temple of Apollo. For centuries it has been a place of holiness, culture, and art on a worldwide level until February of 1944, towards the end of WWII, when it was completely destroyed in the Battle of Montecassino. The Abbey was rebuilt according to the ancient architectural plan, stronger than ever. Visible from the Abbey are the war cemeteries, which contain the graves of over 16,000 victims from WWI and 107,000 victims from WWII from 32 different nations. Late morning we depart for Pompeii. We'll visit the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, and its miraculous Icon of the Madonna and Child elevated on the high Altar. We'll celebrate Holy Mass and Rosary. We continue our journey to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight at *Grand Hotel Paradiso* (or similar). (B, D) Hotel website: <http://www.hotelgranparadiso.it/>

DAY 6 - SAN GIOVANNI~ROTONDO~MONTE SANT'ANGELO~SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: After breakfast and celebrating Mass, we visit the Sanctuary, the old church, and the Crucifix where San Pio received the stigmata in 1918, the confession where Padre Pio spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims directing them on their journey toward God. In the afternoon, we visit Monte Sant'Angelo at 800 meters above sea level. The Shrine of San Michael Archangel is in an underground cave and has been a place of pilgrimage since ancient times. Six popes, St. Francis, and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto, seeking the protection of St. Michel. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 - LANCIAN~LORETO~ANCONA~SPLIT: After breakfast, we depart for Lancian, where we'll visit the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle. During the Holy Mass, the host was changed into real flesh and live blood as a divine response to a monk's doubt about Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. This unique type of Eucharistic Miracle occurred in the 9th century and is believed to be the only known case of its kind. This afternoon we continue to Loreto. The Holy House of Loreto historically is the most revered Marian Shrines in the world. Tradition says it was brought from Nazareth to Loreto on angel's wings to protect it from destruction. The Holy House of Mary is believed to be the very home where the Virgin Mary lived, conceived, and raised Jesus. A large basilica has been built around the shrine. We'll celebrate Mass after a short drive to Ancona, where we embark on the ferryboat to Split in Croatia. Dinner and overnight onboard. (B, D)

DAY 8 - SPLIT~MEDJUGORJE: After an early morning arrival in Split, we'll take a walking tour of this 1700-year-old city, which began its history with the construction of the Roman Emperor Diocletian's summer residence in the 4th century and where he spent his declining years. Split is on the World Heritage List. Our journey to Medjugorje takes us along the breathtaking Dalmatian Coast and en route, we'll stop at the Little Lourdes Shrine in Veprice for Mass. Upon arrival in Medjugorje, we will check into *Hotel Annamaria* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D) Hotel website: <http://www.medjugorjemap.com/hotel-annamaria/>

DAY - 9 MEDJUGORJE: In this small town of Medjugorje, "the town between the hills," the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the whole world. On the hill Podbrdo (Apparition Hill) on June 24th, 1981, six children saw a beautiful lady carrying a child while out playing. They called her "Gospa" (Lady). Our Lady continues to appear every day at 6:40 p.m. Medjugorje is a place of peace where many people have been healed in body and spirit. After breakfast, we meet with a local guide for an orientation walk from our hotel to St. James Church. We will climb Apparition Hill and pray at the cross where our Lady first appeared. We will also climb Krizevac (Cross Mountain), praying the Stations of the Cross. We may have the opportunity to hear one of the visionaries' talks during our stay (*depending on their availability*). Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 10 – MEDJUGORJE~SPLIT~ANCONA: After breakfast, we will have some free time for souvenir shopping. At mid-afternoon, we depart from hotel for our return journey to Split. Embark, dinner on board, and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 11 – ANCONA~ASSISI~ROME: After breakfast on board, we'll arrive in Ancona in the early morning. Our journey to Assisi takes us on a guided visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, with its awe-inspiring frescos by Cimabue, Giotto, Martini, Pietro, Lorenzetto, and other renowned artists. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis. Our return journey to Rome takes us through rolling hills, olive groves, and hill-top villages of the Umbria region. We arrive in Rome late evening. Dinner and overnight at *Grand Hotel Palazzo Carpegna* (or similar). (B, D) Hotel website: <http://www.hotels.com/ho205486/domus-mariae-palazzo-carpegna-rome-italy/>

DAY 12 – ROME: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we transfer to the airport for our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR ROME, SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO & MEDJUGORJE TOUR INCLUDES:

- Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Rome and Rome-Intermediate City-Boston with full meal and beverage service en route including complimentary stereo headsets for our listening and viewing enjoyment.
- Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, temperature-controlled, deluxe touring motorcoach.
- 10-nights accommodations at the hotels described in the itinerary based on twin occupancy, and 2 nights aboard an overnight ferry. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability - may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- Breakfast (B) and dinner (D) each evening.
- Full services of a professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- Expert English-speaking tour guides where required.
- Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- Railway tickets and ferry tickets where necessary.
- Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag.

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